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Date: March 17, 2025

Bill Number: HB 938

Bill Title: Continuing Care Providers - Governing Bodies - Membership

Committee: Finance

MDOA Position: **INFORMATION**

The Department of Aging (MDOA) submits this letter of information for House Bill 938 - Continuing Care Providers - Governing Bodies - Membership.

MDOA is statutorily required to license and regulate continuing care retirement communities (CCRCs) in Maryland pursuant to Title 10, Subtitle 4 of the Human Services Article, Annotated Code of Maryland and the COMAR 32.02.01. MDOA's principal responsibilities are to protect the public (CCRC residents) by promoting the integrity and confidence in CCRC programs, ensuring the ongoing viability of existing CCRCs, and ensuring the feasibility of proposed CCRC programs. As of January 1, 2025, there were 38 CCRC's in Maryland. These 38 CCRCs contain over 12,000 independent living units, 2,000 assisted living units and 2,000 nursing care units.

HB 938 will require CCRC governing bodies (or boards) of continuing care retirement communities in Maryland to authorize the appointment of an alternate resident representative, to serve as regular member of the board if the initial resident is unable to fulfill their duties as a board member. MDOA has not received any inquiries or communications from CCRC residents or their families regarding CCRC resident board members being unable to fulfill their legal and fiduciary duties as board members. MDOA appreciates the commitment from key stakeholders, committee leadership and the bill sponsor to improve communication and organizational transparency for CCRC residents.

If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Nunez, Legislative Director, at andrea.nunez@maryland.gov or (443) 414-8183.



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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carmel Roques". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the letter "s".

Carmel Roques
Secretary
Maryland Department of Aging